

the graduating class:—S. G. Logan, Wilmington

DelaWare; James C. Bailey, Chester county; James E. Selmon, Pocomoke city; J. B. Conkles, Oakland county; Wm. H. Dillard, Bedford; Charles M. Johnson, Baltimore; Charles Vastine, St. Louis; Mo.; J. Patterson Academic; D. Kerr Freeman, Blainstone N. J.; Frank Kennedy, Belvidere, N. J.; J. Paxton Vastine, St. Louis, Mo.; David M. Heydrick, Bridgeburg; T. M. McCortrick, Northumberland county, Pa.; John A. Gault, New York; George S. Smith, Wm. Alex. M. Grimes Danville; H. D. T. Kerr, East, Owen fledly, Lehigh county; W. W. Hopkins, Congowille; L. G. Griener, Dylestown; and Charles Corson Smithfield. The honorary degree of A. B. was conferred on A. Parker Porter, a graduate of Wellesley College, a fully stated minister.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on the following named persons they having been graduates three years standing.—W. P. Andrews, S. S. Keyser, Thomas G. Gayley, S. M. Gayley and Saml R. Mills.

The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on the following:—James H. Fyler, Carlisle, Penna; Rev. John W.

the Silver Terrace, Presbyterian church, London; Rev. Elias R. Campbell, Serampore, India; and Rev. Alfred Nevin, Lancaster, Penn.

The entire ceremonies of the interesting occasion passed off happily and most creditably to students and faculty. During their whole continuance the church was crowded with a brilliant array of beauty and intelligence, and a degree of interest manifesting the most hopeful anticipations for the future prosperity of the college. In his closing remarks the Rev. President, Dr. M. Lean, remarked on our high gratification, that the future prospect of the college were of the most cheering character.

EASTON, Pa., July 30, 1856.

The Annual Commencement at Lafayette College: The Exercises, Speeches, &c., &c.

The annual commencement of Lafayette College was held to day in the German Reformed church of this place. The graduating class numbered in a twenty-one.

The number of the young men displayed a considerable amount of talent which we have never seen equalled on such occasions.

Among the speeches which were particularly deserving of attention were "The Influence of the Reformation," by R. D. Barclay, of Bedford, Pa.; "The Reviewer," by Herman Hamlin; and "The Sympathy of Genius," by H. Bonkau, of York, Pa.

The whole of the performances were conducted in the most becoming manner.

Our Newport Correspondence.

NEWPORT, July 29, 1856.

Prospects of the Season—Southern Visitors make themselves scarce—An Old Prover's Illustrate

The Temperature of Newport rather Tropical.—Abandonment of the Bay by the Regatta Club.—The New Fillmore House—Hop at the Ocean House.—Amadio's Concert, &c.

At length the season at this gay resort of folly and of fashion may be said to have commenced, and the sighs of hotel proprietors, stable keepers, sailboat wren's, &c., have been transformed into smiles of satisfaction. For some weeks past the prospect of a profitable season for these gentry has been rather gloomy. The stream of travel seems to have been turned in other directions, and, above all, there has been observable a want of the usual number of wealthy Southerners, whose lavish expenditure hitherto done so much to increase the gains of the hundreds who subsist upon what they acquire from the purses of pleasure seekers during the short summer season of Newport. This is undoubtedly owing to the short sighted sentiment which is so prevalent among the Southern aristocracy.

slavery, that money expended at the North
horse than thrown away, and that they can do
in injury by abstaining from visiting our water
places. I think that, by depriving themselves
of the cool sea breeze, the magnificent drives, and the
thousand and one nameless fascinations which
associate themselves with the very name of New
York, that they are acting in that foolish and unph
osophical way metaphorically though vulgarl
described as "biting off their own noses." Fortu
ately we can do without them.

For the last few days Newport has been filli
ing rapidly, and the boats have assumed the
character of a life and gaiety. The weather has
been hotter than is usual at this place, which, as al
the world knows, has always borne the unenvia
reputation of being remarkably cool. Late
however, it has not sustained its former, the therm
ometer has been running during the day betwe
between 80 and 90 degrees in the shade. But eve
this is not to be compared to the temperature und
which, I see by the HERALD, you have been suffe
ing at New York; and besides it lasts only as long
as the summer sun shines. To-morrow day, a
delicious breeze sets in from the ocean, bearing wi
the souvenir of floating ice mountains, which i
be more appreciated from the contrast which i
presents to the heat of the morning. We are, I b
ieve, to have no regrets here this year. The reaso
is, that the season has been so long and so pleas
with the impositions practiced upon them last su
mer, that they have decided to test the speed o
their vessels at New Bedford, instead of in this bea
tiful bay.

Notwithstanding this the season promises, as I h
be anticipated in the fully calm, in reality to be as

previous one. The Germanians discourse the same vicious strains as ever at the Atlantic Ocean apartment House, while at the Bellevue they have a more refined and refined. But the Bellevue is a new hotel, the Fillmore deserves a passing notice as it is a fine looking building, having, from appearances, been erected at considerable outlay, as it kept the former proprietor of the Atlantic Ocean within a few feet of the Atlantic Ocean. The dining room is quite a model, in which respect sets a commendable example to the other hotels. The apartment in which so much time is passed at the Atlantic Ocean is a fine one, and it is to be so. Nothing more than a plain, square box of a room, with whitewashed walls, and a total absence of ornaments as to how the Fillmore House is conducted. "No knowing," I can say. The other hotels are so well conducted, that it is a pity to find the Atlantic Ocean as well supported as ever, and perhaps surpasses any other in the number of fine apartments which have its place each afternoon. The Ocean, with its lofty and magnificent hall, is a very agreeable adjunct to the fine situation of any, such the coolest hotel in Newport.

There was a hop at the Ocean House, last evening, the second one of the season, which went off better than the first. Arrangements to give a concert on Thursday next, upon which occasion he will be assisted by Miss Val, Brignoli, and several other artists of distinction. We look forward to it as quite a treat. There are a great number of the "Forked Tongue" Bachelors in the hotel, a large representation than usual of the good people of Gotham have taken cottages for the season.

Our Norfolk Correspondence.

NORFOLK, July 29, 1856.

Health of Norfolk—A Model City Inspector—Erection of the City Water Supply—Necessity

For Carrying into Effect the Projected Water Works.—The Season at Old Point Comfort.—The Approaching Yacht Race, &c., &c.

I am truly glad to say to our New York friend that the health of Norfolk was never better; our new Inspector is indeed a trump; I wish you had such a one in New York; our streets are as clean as the avenues of a park, swept every day, leaving nothing unodoriferous "to cause a pout on beauty's lip." It is true, we are suffering for water just now, as that drought has absorbed all the moisture of our clouds, showing very conclusively the necessity of building the new water works projected by one of our talented citizens, giving us an interminable supply from the Lake of the Dismal Swamp, on eleven miles distant.

This cypress water is the color of "London dock," and has a soft as your delectable Cretons. The government works here will pay largely for the use of it; they have the water in iron tanks in the Navy Yard, which were filled in the year 1821, and it is no more as pure as when put in. Our merchant service pay for having their boats supplied by boats to the wharves, and have a preference to purchasing rain water here at a much less price, the great desideratum being to water their vessels with an article that will keep them all the voyage. I am satisfied this stock will be sold at a high price, and the water works of our city will be beyond measure, as I predict, very profitable.

sort have to drink it for its medicinal qualities or diseases of the skin, and for disarrangement of the stomach, it is a great remedy. On the other hand, it can continue to be the centre of attraction for the belles and beaux. The company continues to increase; some five hundred persons are now here. The ladies are all on the *qui vive* this week. They are all waiting for the arrival of the girls from some one between the celebrated boat Breeze, formerly owned and built in your city, and the Virgin built boat Antelope. The bets are even up to date as to which of the two will be the first to be shaded to-day.